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## Gang Member Sentenced to Prison for Long Beach Shooting

A 23-year-old gang member was sentenced yesterday to 12 years in state prison after he was convicted of a shooting in 2013, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Raymond Rene Rodriguez of Long Beach pleaded no contest to one felony count of assault with a firearm in case NA099187. The defendant also admitted gun and gang allegations.

Deputy District Attorney Rachel Hardiman, who prosecuted the case, said on March 22, 2013, Rodriguez got into a fight with another man near Del Amo and Long Beach boulevards in Long Beach.

During the physical encounter, Rodriguez pulled out a gun and shot at the man who was armed with a knife, the prosecutor said.

A stray bullet from the gun struck a boy who was with his family at a nearby gas station, the prosecutor added. The child was immediately taken by authorities to a hospital for medical treatment.

Following the shooting, the defendant fled the scene. More than a year after the incident, police located Rodriguez and arrested him in connection with the shooting.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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### About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.

